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Veterans Affairs*

“Everything Veteran”



Assistant Commissioner
Mark Breece-West



Assistant Commissioner
Don Smith-East



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Deputy Commissioner
Wendell Cheek

- Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery
- Claims Division
- Governor's Council for Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families



Assistant Commissioner
Yvette Martinez

- Training Division
- Communications & Marketing
- Legislative Relations
- Constituent Services
- Information Technology
- Outreaches & Events

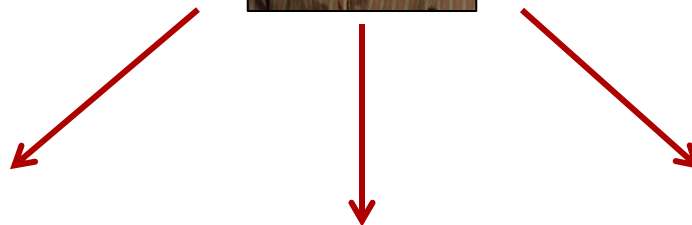


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David Jungquist
Training Division

- Quarterly/Annual Training
- New Employee Training
- Remedial Training
- Video Teleconferencing



County Service Officer → Veterans Benefits Representative → Veterans Claims Specialist



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Tennessee Veteran suicide

- 214 Veteran suicides in 2013
- Research - Tennessee Department of Health
- Partner - Tennessee Department of Health and Substance Abuse Services



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New Veteran Treatment Courts



Serve:

Bradley
Claiborne
McMinn
Polk
Union

Campbell
Fentress
Monroe
Scott



**Davidson
Shelby
Montgomery
Knox**



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TDVA Outreaches-Job Fair Events

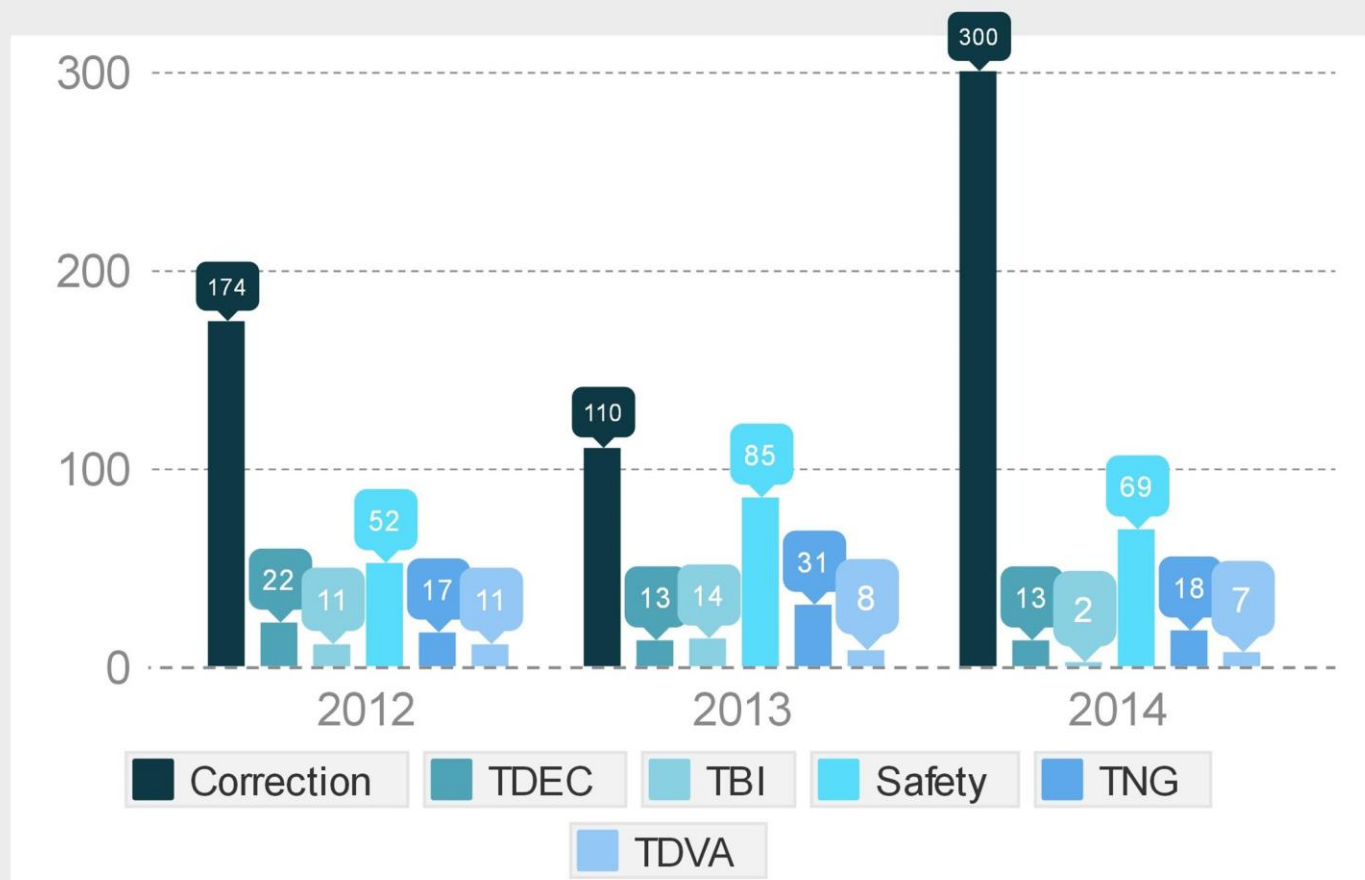
- Federal partners, County Service Officers, Veteran Service Organizations
- Employers, Higher Education Institutions, hiring state departments, business resources, mental health service, commercial driver license issuance, claims assistance

<http://tn.gov/veteran/tdvaevents.shtml>



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989
Veterans
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since
October,
2012





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Veteran Access to Higher Education



- **24 Higher Education Institutions have participated in TDVA Outreaches**
- **Governor's Veterans Education Task Force**
- **Recommendations pending**
- **In-State Tuition for Veterans now law**



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- Formally announced Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads – July, 2014
- Awaiting approval of federal funding for construction





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State Veterans Cemeteries

http://tn.gov/veteran/burial_elg.shtml

Pre-Register for burial at:

- **East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery-John Sevier Highway**
- **Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery**
- **West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery**

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Pre-Register for Burial



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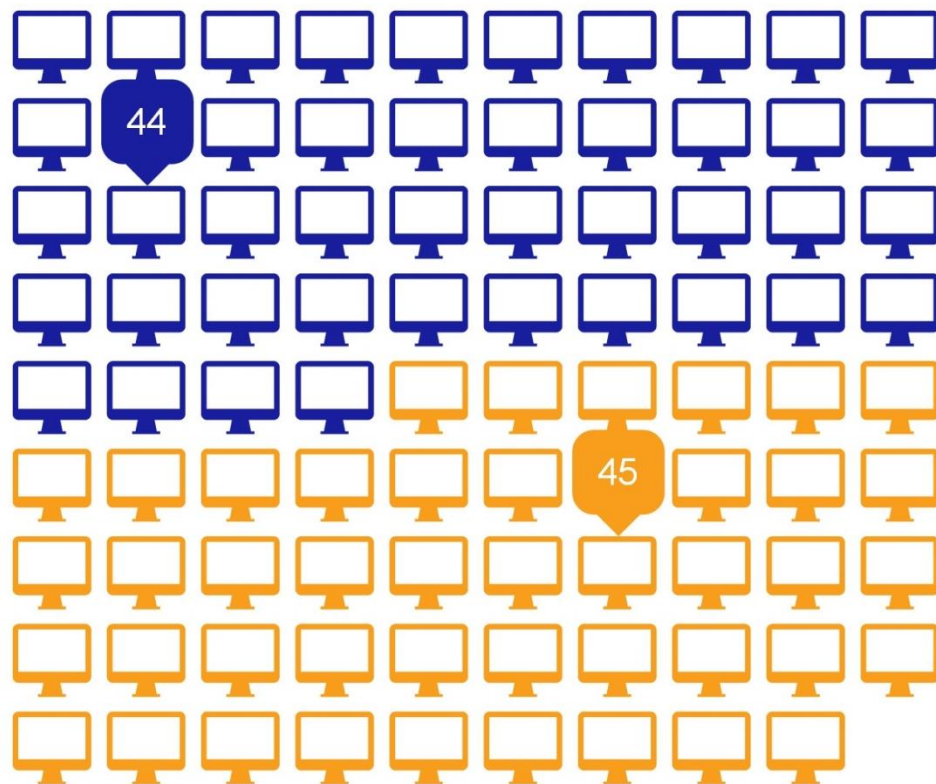
Also on the horizon

- **Proposed Upper Cumberland State Veterans Cemetery**
- **Tennessee State Veterans Home-Bradley County**




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- **More than 73,000 claims filed using VetraSpec since 2011.**
- **County Service Offices filing digitally has increased from 18 in January to 44 in September**
- **Met 92 of 95 mayors between 2011 and 2014.**
- **Since 2011, County Service Offices increased from 81 to 89**



 Filing Digitally

 Mailing Clams



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